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The Arabism of The Three Emiraty Islands
(Abu Musa , Tunb Alkubra and Tunb Alsughra) (1750- 1971)
"a Documented Historical Study"

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the issue of the three islands of UAE (Abu Musa, Tunb Alkubra and Tunb Al Sughra) to present a documented historical research along almost two centuries about. It deals with the development of the Arabian-Iranian conflict regarding the ownership of these islands and the repeated Iranian claims and attempts to occupy them by force. It studies also the British role in this issue.

The study , which depended mainly on British and Arab documents, concluded that these islands have been historically connected with the two Emirates of Ras al-Khaimah and Al Sharjah and that their relationship is rooted centuries ago. Hence , the Iranian ownership claims are illegal inspite of the documents Iran used to support its claimed historical right.

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